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1. SUMMARY. THE MARCH 21 ISSUE OF THE CONTROLLED LIBERATION ARMY DAILY CARRIES AN ARTICLE AND COMMENTARY ON "RECENT" PROMULGATION OF "NEW" RULES AND REGULATIONS AIMED AT TIGHTENING MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD NATIONAL AND MILITARY SECRETS. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO HAS ACQUIRED A FRAGMENT OF THE MARCH 21 ISSUE OF THE INTERNALLY-CONTROLLED DAILY ORGAN OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA), THE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY (LAD). THE ISSUE CARRIES ON PAGE ONE AN ARTICLE AND COMMENTARY ON THE "NEW" "CHINESE PLA RULES AND REGULATIONS ON SAFEGUARDING OF NATIONAL AND MILITARY SECRETS" WHICH ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED "RECENTLY" BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MILITARY COMMISSION. THE MILITARY COMMISSION, WHICH PRESUMABLY
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CONVENED DURING EARLY MARCH, ALSO ISSUED A BULLETIN CALLING ON ALL MILITARY UNITS TO STEP UP EDUCATION IN SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS.

3. CONTENT OF THE "NEW" RULES AND REGULATIONS SEEMS TO BE A REITERATION OF BASIC SECURITY PROCEDURES. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THEY STRESS THE NEED TO KNOW PRINCIPLE;

CAUTION AGAINST DISCUSSING CLASSIFIED MATTERS
IN THE PRESENCE OF THOSE NOT CLEARED FOR THE INFORMATION
(INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS); WARN AGAINST USING ORDINARY
TELEPHONES, TELEGRAMS OR POSTAL FACILITIES TO TRANSMIT
CLASSIFIED MATERIALS; DECLAR THAT IT IS FORBIDDEN TO
"TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL WORK CIRCUMSANCES" TO
OVERHEAR, COPY OR REPRODUCE CLASSIFIED MATERIALS; AND
EMPHASIZE THE IMPERMISSIBILITY OF "USING PARTY CASE FILES
AND MATERIALS AND CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS TO CARRY ON
(UNSPECIFIED) ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES." THE ARTICLE CALLS FOR
SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO ADHERE TO SECURITY
REGULATIONS AND STERN PUNISHMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE FOR
MINOR INFRACTIONS, MILITARY FOR SERIOUS BREACHES -- FOR
THOSE WHO DO NOT.

4. NEITHER THE ARTICLE NOR THE COMMENTARY PROVIDES CLUES
AS TO MOTIVATION FOR PROMULGATION OF THE NEW REGULATIONS
SAVE STEPPED UP EFFORTS BY "THE ENEMY" TO STEAL NATIONAL
SECRETS. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT, WHICH SEEMS TO REFLECT A
NEAR SIEGE MENTALITY, GIVES THE FLAVOR OF THE COMMENTARY:
QUOTE AT PRESENT THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN STEALING SECRETS AND
OPPOSING STEALING OF SECRETS IS EXTREMELY SHARP AND
COMPLICATED. IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE
PROLETARIAT IN OUR COUNTRY, IMPERIALISM, REVISIONISM AND
REACTIONARIES HAVE NOT SPARED ANY EFFORT, ON LAND, ON SEA,
AND IN THE AIR, IN ADOPTING MEASURES TO SEND SPIES, TO SEND
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AIRCRAFT, TO DISPATCH SPY SHIPS, TO LAUNCH SPY SATELLITES,
TO TAKE EAVESDROPPING MEASURES DIRECTED AT OUR ATMOSPHERIC
RADIO COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY, TO STEP UP MEASURES TO STEAL
SECRETS FROM OUR COUNTRY, AND TO DEVISE ALL SORTS OF SCHEMES
AN PLOTS TO GET INTELLIGENCE FROM OUR COUNTRY. UNQUOTE

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